

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 1, 25, 33, and 36 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the objections/rejections of these claims moot, and claims 48-65 have been newly added, resulting in the pendency of claims 2-4, 9-13, 17, 23, 24, 27-30, 32-35, and 37-65. Of these, claims 2, 3, 9, 11, 12, 27-29, 33, and 43 stand rejected, claims 4, 10, 13, 17, 30, 32, 34-42, and 44-47 have been found to contain allowable subject matter, and claims 23 and 24 stand allowed. Based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

In particular, claims 4, 10, 13, 30, 32, 34, 35, 42, 44, and 45, which contain allowable subject matter, have been substantially rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Those rejected claims that previously depended from rejected independent claims have been amended to depend from various ones of the rewritten allowable claims. Applicant submits that newly added claims 48-65 find support in the specification, as originally filed, and are patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend are.

Based on the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are now allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this


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amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (949) 724-1849.

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